

Not an ancestry subscriber? Ancestry has some free records (mostly indexes, use the catalog), as well as some individual state records for state residents' free access

Conference Keeper, genealogy- and family history-related conferences, events, calls for papers, contests, and volunteer opportunities: <https://conferencekeeper.org/>

**Subscription sites:** may have a free trial period for prospective subscribers. Also get on the mailing lists for sites of interest; you will be notified of subscription specials as well as times when access to records (or limited records) are free. Parts of subscriptions sites may always be free (usually indexes).

*Family Tree Magazine* offers a number of free forms, checklists, and worksheets:

<https://familytreemagazine.com/free-genealogy-records-worksheets/>

### **The Library Is Your Friend**

Libraries, city/county or university libraries, local library, as well as library where ancestors lived. May have subscriptions available online, generally available to patrons only (may require card#). Most libraries have onsite ancestry.com library subscription

Heritagequest (multiple resources) available online through many libraries (library card required)

Other resources POSSIBLY AVAILABLE online at a library site (varies): cemetery index, obituary index, marriage index--start search with surname only (possible relatives, maiden and married names).

Other on-site resources: microfilmed newspapers, special in-house-created indexes; family files.

Links to US library websites, <http://www.lib-web.org/>

Links to individual library web sites throughout the world <https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/>

Digital Public Library of America: public domain and openly licensed content held by U.S. archives, libraries, museums, and other cultural heritage institutions: <https://dp.la/> Also see online library at <https://openlibrary.org/> millions of free digital books

Worldcat connects to collections of 10,000 libraries around the world; locate where books are and their availability for inter-library loan: <https://www.worldcat.org/>

### **How-tos and research guides**

Familysearch research wikis, all with links: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Main_Page)

Genealogy articles, tips and research guides: <https://www.genealogybranches.com/>;

Tutorial for researching your family tree. <http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/intro.html>

Free genealogy guides: <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/resources>

American Ancestors (New England Genealogical Society) free research guides:

<https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/research-guides>

### **Links to Free Genealogy Websites**

26 totally free genealogy websites: <https://www.genealogyexplained.com/basics/free-genealogy-websites/>

18 important free genealogy websites: <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/websites/>

16 best free genealogy websites for research 2024: <https://genealogyyou.com/best-free-genealogy-websites/>

12 best free sites to trace your genealogy: <https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/top-10-free-genealogy-websites-to-find-ancestors/>

8 best free genealogy websites: <https://www.lifewire.com/best-free-genealogy-websites-4163831>

Free genealogy sites and software for ancestry research: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-resources/50-free-genealogy-sites/>

10 best free genealogy websites: <https://www.dollarbreak.com/free-genealogy-websites/>

7 free genealogy websites you might be overlooking: [https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/7-free-genealogy-websites-that-you-might-be-overlooking/?vgo\\_ee=sDMIQu0vvywdNE7HiVKz%2FGdE%2B8p7R9zi4jFwhEHKao%3D](https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/7-free-genealogy-websites-that-you-might-be-overlooking/?vgo_ee=sDMIQu0vvywdNE7HiVKz%2FGdE%2B8p7R9zi4jFwhEHKao%3D)

Best free genealogy websites: <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/best-free-genealogy-websites/>

11 free historical maps websites for genealogy research: <https://www.familyhistoryfanatics.com/free-online-historical-maps>

Finding and using historical maps for genealogy: [https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy\\_news/2018/09/finding-using-maps-in-your-genealogy-research.html](https://news.legacyfamilytree.com/legacy_news/2018/09/finding-using-maps-in-your-genealogy-research.html)

### **Assorted Genealogical Records**

Links to a wide variety of US records organized by state (24 resource categories, including yearbooks, city directories, coroner records); also quick-reference genealogy guides, research toolkits:

<https://theancestorhunt.com/>

Search multiple family tree sites for your ancestors: <https://www.familytreearcher.com/>

Free websites for genealogy research: <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/free-resources/websites/>

US vital records and probate records links: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/vitalrecords1.htm>

US vital records, birth certificate, death record and marriage license - where to find (for fee). Always check to see if records are available at the county or town level, as they will be cheaper and sent faster. <http://www.vitalrecordsus.com/vital-records-states.html> or

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm> or

Familysearch.org –US and international records. Set up a free account to access all files. Be creative with your searching. Remember that some records are not indexed, but are browsable.

<https://familysearch.org/> To access catalog search <https://www.familysearch.org/catalog/search> - start with place name search

Genealogical research portal, search by location and/or topic, index of free and fee-based sites

<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Access Genealogy includes Black genealogy, Native American records, cemetery, military, and census records, DNA, databases, and vital records: <https://www.accessgenealogy.com>

Reclaim the Records: genealogical and archival data sets from government agencies, state libraries, and municipal archives (very limited states): <https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/>

Links related to genealogy and family history <https://www.genesearch.com/>

Jewish (and beyond) genealogy: <https://www.jewishgen.org/>

African-American genealogy: <https://afrigenas.org/>

Genealogy history group, assorted records, varies by region: <http://genealogytrails.com/>

US volunteers willing to do record lookups, cemetery searches, research and more for free:

<https://www.raogk.org/>

Olive Tree Genealogy, assorted records: <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml>

Specializes in New England and New York colonial American genealogy, ancestry, and family history, but with assorted links for all states: <https://newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/index.html>

Linkpendium links to genealogy websites from US and **UK** and family/surname sites:

<https://linkpendium.com/>

Free indexes on ancestry: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/freeindexacom/>

Native American genealogy collections: <https://www.okhistory.org/research/dawes>

## International Records (a sampling)

**World-wide** genealogical and historical records and resources <https://www.worldgenweb.org/>

Limited free **US** and **international** census (and military) records:

<https://www.myfreecensus.com/index.html>

Gjenvick-Gjønvik Archives (GG Archives): **US** and **international** records, including passenger lists to America, original immigrant passage contracts, steamship brochures, and more:

<https://www.ggarchives.com/index.html>

**England and Wales** birth, marriage and death records, 1837 through 1992:

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk/>

Birth, marriage and death records for **Scotland**. <https://sctbdm.com/>

Resources at the National Archives of the **United Kingdom** <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

**Great Britain**-focused research site, assorted records: <http://rtfhs.org.uk/free-records/>. .

National Library of **Australia** e-resources: <https://eds.p.ebscohost.com/eds/search/basic?vid=0&sid=117f05fe-b8cd-4283-a0fe-efadd3275f8%40redis>

Indices to **Canadian** censuses: <http://www.automatedgenealogy.com/>

Library and Archives of **Canada**: <https://library-archives.canada.ca/eng/collection/search-collections/pages/search-the-collection.aspx>

**Ontario, Canada** genealogy: <https://www.familytreearcher.com/>

Links to **Canadian** genealogy websites: <https://cangenealogy.com/>

Digitized **Canadian** journals, books and other publications: <https://www.canadiana.ca/>

**Danish** genealogy collections: [https://www.ddd.dda.dk/ddd\\_en.htm](https://www.ddd.dda.dk/ddd_en.htm)

**German** Genealogy Group (GGG): <https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>.

Dutch (the **Netherlands**) genealogy collections: <https://www.wiewaswie.nl/en/>

**Italian** National Archives-created (Ancestor Portal): <https://antenati.cultura.gov.it/storie/in-famiglia-a-piano-d-arta/>

**Norway** Heritage offers a Free emigrant database and articles about Norwegians who left for America pre-1875: <http://www.norwayheritage.com/>

**Norwegian** genealogy collections: <https://www.digitalarkivet.no/en>

National Archives of **Poland**: <https://www.nac.gov.pl/en/digital-archive/szukajwarchiwach-pl-search-the-archives/>. English version.

## Maps

Historical maps (by place name/date): <https://www.randymajors.org/ancestry-historical-tools>

Sanborn fire insurance maps: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?all=online>

Atlas of historical county boundaries: <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/>

## BMD (Birth, Marriage, and Death) Records

US death index online directory, listed by state and county (death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, wills and probate records, and cemetery burials). Also information about searching Social Security Death Index online. <http://deathindexes.com/>

Funeral homes and local newspapers are good sources for recent obituaries. Recent newspaper obituaries (2000-current), world-wide newspapers <http://www.legacy.com/>

Cemetery, graves database: <http://www.findagrave.com/>; also <https://billiongraves.com/>

Genealogy bank.com: while this is a subscription service, the SSDI (Social Security Death Index) portion of it is free <http://www.genealogybank.com>; SSDI also available on <http://stevemorse.org/>

## Immigration

One-step searching site for immigration records (mostly free, some on ancestry \$), more user-friendly access to Ellis Island and Castle Garden to print records: <http://stevemorse.org/>

Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., records starting 1892 [www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org)

Ships' passenger lists: <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/>

Research guides for locating ship passenger lists, US arrivals (with links):

<https://www.researchguides.net/immigration/index.htm>

BYU immigrant ancestors project: [http://immigrants.byu.edu/main\\_page](http://immigrants.byu.edu/main_page)

## Historical Newspapers and Media

Newspaper how-tos and links: <https://theancestorhunt.com/newspaper-research-links.html>

Google archives, old newspapers: <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Chronicling America (Library of Congress), old newspapers <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Historical newspapers in the US and Canada: <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>

Many states have a statewide project (often through a university library). Due to copyright restrictions, newspapers published after 1925 may not be included, but projects can digitize beyond 1926 when permission has been secured. States with a central online repository include: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wyoming; find with your favorite search engine.

Out of copyright, county and/or family history books: <http://archive.org> Site also offers digital "lending" of books which might still be in copyright. Guide for using archive.org for genealogy research: <https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/internet-archive-for-genealogy/>

US city directories: <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/> <https://ldsgenealogy.com/city-directories/>; [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/City\\_Directories](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/City_Directories); <https://theancestorhunt.com/blog/14600-free-online-city-directories-from-the-united-states/>

Links to family/county histories: <http://www.learnwebskills.com/family/countyhistories1.htm>

Old books and periodicals: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Digitized worldwide newspapers: <https://veridiansoftware.com/collections/>

## Social Media

Facebook: Genealogy and history (in English) Facebook groups/pages, a 436-page PDF file containing 16,700+ links (updated Jan 2021): <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf> File includes a clickable table of contents. *Note:* As of January 2021, future updates and maintenance of list is being handled by Cyndi's List at <https://cyndislist.com/facebook>. Download a Canadian list that includes French-speaking groups at [https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page\\_id=10169](https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10169), and an Australian list at <https://www.lonetester.com/2020/12/facebook-for-australian-history-and-genealogy-2/>